

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION Arizona Corporation Commission

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OWEST CORPORATION F/K/A U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR LOCAL WIRELINE NETWORK INTERCONNECTION AND SERVICE RESALE AGREEMENT WITH

INTERNET COMMERCE AND

COMMUNICATIONS

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-01-0359

DECISION NO. 63896

ORDER

Open Meeting July 24 and 25, 2001

Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- On April 30, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") f/k/a U S WEST 1. 16 Communications, Inc., filed an application for approval of an Interconnection Agreement between 17 Owest, and Internet Commerce and Communications ("ICC"). On May 8, 2001, Owest filed a 18 First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest, and ICC. On May 17, 2001, 19 Owest filed a Supplement to the Agreement between Owest, and ICC. The term of the Agreement 20 shall be effective upon Commission approval and remain in effect until a new Agreement becomes 21 effective between the Parties. The Parties shall commence negotiations on a new agreement no 22 | later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the term of the Agreement. The Agreement 23 governs the terms and conditions under which Qwest will offer Interconnection and Resale 24 services to ICC.
- The Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act") directed incumbent local 2. exchange carriers to make their networks available for Interconnection and Resale by new entrants 27 to the local exchange market. The 1996 Act provides for Interconnection and Resale agreements 28 to be concluded by voluntary negotiation.

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This Agreement between Qwest and ICC was voluntarily negotiated, without resort 3. 2 to arbitration.

- 4. Under the terms of the Agreement, Owest will provide specified local exchange ⁴||services for Interconnection, Resale, Collocation, and Unbundled Network Elements to ICC. 5 Generally, Owest services will be made available to ICC for resale at a twelve (12) percent 6 discount for residential customers and an eighteen (18) percent discount for business customers. Unbundled network elements will be made available at the rates contained in the Agreement. 8 Under the terms of the First Amendment, terms and conditions for Unbundled Network Elements 9 are added to allow ICC additional combinations of Unbundled Network Elements. Under the terms 10 of the Supplement to the Agreement, the term of the agreement is altered to reflect a month-tomonth expiration period.
- 5. According to the 1996 Act and Commission Rule, the Commission must approve 13 voluntarily negotiated Interconnection and Resale agreements, if their provisions are non-14 discriminatory and in the public interest.
- 6. Staff has reviewed the Agreement and finds it to be non-discriminatory and in the 16 public interest. Owest is offering the same terms and conditions of the Agreement to all other 17 interested parties. The Agreement is in the public interest because it will act to further competition 18 in the local exchange market in Arizona.
- Since there are no grounds for rejection of the Agreement and Amendments ²⁰ pursuant to Section 252(e)(2)(A) of the 1996 Act, Staff has recommended that the Commission 21 approve the Resale Agreement between Qwest and ICC.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- Qwest is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV, 1. 24 Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.
- 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over ICC and over the subject matter of the 26 Application.
- The Commission, having reviewed the Application and Staff's Memorandum, has 3. 28 determined that the Resale Agreement negotiated between Qwest and ICC meets the requirements

1 of Section 252(e)(2)(A) of the 1996 Act which governs the approval of voluntarily-negotiated 2 agreements and is in the public interest.

The Commission maintains jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Agreement 4. 4 and Amendments thereof, to the extent permitted pursuant to the powers granted the Commission 5 by the Arizona Constitution, Statutes, Commission Rule, and the 1996 Act and the Rules 6 promulgated thereunder.

ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Commission hereby approves the Interconnection Agreement, First Amendment and Supplemental filing to the Agreement between Qwest and ICC 10 filed on April 30, 2001, May 8, 2001, and May 17, 2001, respectively.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN

OMMISSIONER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Corporation Secretary the Arizona Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this Later day of (

IAN C. MCNEIL Executive Secretary

DISSENT:

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